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Applicant : Hugh R. Sharkey et al. Art Unit : 3739
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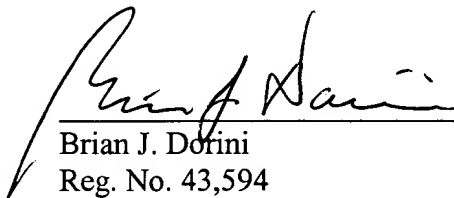
REPLY

In reply to the action mailed April 9, 2003, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. A Request for Continued Examination, an Information Disclosure Statement, and an accompanying PTO Form 1449, are all being filed concurrently. Applicants ask that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims and remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 8 pages.

Enclosed is a \$750 check for the RCE filing fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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